

TO HELP US STUDY

1. What happened to Christ right after he was baptized? _____

2. What is a desert (wilderness)? _____
3. How long did Christ stay in the desert? _____ What did he eat? _____
4. What did Satan first tempt Jesus to do? _____
5. Jesus answered him: " _____

6. Where did the devil take Jesus for the second temptation? (Mt 4:5) _____

7. How did Satan try to convince Jesus to jump off the temple? _____
8. What did Satan offer Jesus if he would bow down and worship him? _____

9. How did Christ refuse every temptation? _____
10. Do you know enough Bible to answer to devil? _____ How can you learn more? _____

TO HELP US REMEMBER: *Young ones*—Matthew 4:4, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."
Older ones—the scriptures quoted by Jesus in Matthew 4:4, 7, 10

TO CHALLENGE TEEN THOUGHT

According to Chapter 4 in Hebrews, what is the meaning of this story to a Christian today? Discuss this in a short essay on the back of this page.

TIPS FOR TEACHING PARENTS

When teaching our very young children, we should rarely try to read an entire story from the Bible. Pre-schoolers understand so little of the adult-level reading that they quickly get bored and the purpose of our study is defeated. This week, however, the story is short and simple as recorded in Matthew. If it is read with proper expression, it will hold the smallest child's attention. Several times during the week, sit down and read the story to your little ones. We need to be sure that we also *tell* it in our own words at other times as well.

To impress upon our children that these stories come from the Bible, we should always refer to the Bible when telling them, even when the stories are too long and involved to be read to them. We can prepare for telling the stories by marking in our Bibles simple verses or statements we can read as a part of our storytelling. This will direct our kids to God's word and will help us to hold their attention as we teach them.

It's a sure rule of thumb, though: The younger the child, the shorter the story must be. If we bore our little ones with the stories, we may do more harm than good.

FOR ADULT STUDY: Heb 4:14-16; Gen 3:1-7; Prov 1:10; Mt 6:13; Mk 14:38; Eph 6:13; 1 Tim 6:9; Jas 1:12-14.